GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF FISHERY HARBOUR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any scheme from the Government of Kerala for the construction of fishery harbour at Thalai and also at Ponnani in the State;

(b) if so, the details and reasons for delay in sanctioning the scheme; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government to clear the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): A proposal of the Government of Kerala for construction of a fishery harbour at Thalai was received in the Ministry in November, 1999 which was examined in consultation with the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore . On scrutiny it was found that development of a fishery harbour at Thalai is not justifiable in view of the existence of two fishery harbours in close proximity, one at Chombal which is only 6 kms South and the second one at Mopla Bay which is 18 kms.North of proposed site at Thalai. Further, the fishing activity, number of boats operating and quantity of fish being landed etc. also do not justify a third fishery harbour in the region. However, in order to cater to the needs of the landing and berthing facilities for the mechanised fishing vessels operating in the region, the State Government has been requested to consider further development of the existing fishing harbour at Chombal as Stage-II. Clarifications on the proposal for construction of fishery harbour at Ponnani has been received in the Ministry on 1.12.2000 from State Government and is being processed.